

I understand that Sinclair Broadcasting intends to air a documentary called "Stolen Honor" weeks before the presidential election. I have not seen the documentary but I understand it to be an attack on John Kerry's military record during the Vietnam war. Right or wrong, the documentary sounds as though it was created and aired now in an attempt to sway the results of the election in favor of George W. Bush by means of a character attack on his opponent. That this documentary has been forced on all affiliate stations of the Sinclair Broadcasting Company by Sinclair's main offices is in very questionable taste. I believe also that it speaks poorly for the consolidation of media that has happened at such a great rate of speed in the past 10 years.

I believe that we can do better in the future if we allow a plurality of ideas to grow from local communities instead of from large centralized operations that calculate their programming solely based on the bottom line or an intended political result such as this. The more the source of our information is decentralized, the less leverage companies like Sinclair will have to control the opinions of massive numbers of people and the less programs like "Stolen Honor" will be able to sideswipe the National dialog so close to a very important election.

Regards,
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